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A. R. CAMPBELL, Adjutant General of Kansas.

THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 9th, 1886. OF THE PLATE, on the same subject.

Admission, 25c. BENEFIT OF W. R. C.

CHAMBERLAIN'S OPERA HOUSE, COMING DECEMBER 9th.

ONE WEEK OF OPERA BY THE CHAMBERLAIN COMPANY.

THE CHAMBERLAIN COMPANY, THEATRE CHAMBERLAIN, CHICAGO.

GRAND H. M. S. PINAFORE MATINEE.

Peck's Popular Prices.

POPULAR FAMILY REPERTORY, THE WICHITA MUSEUM.

South Main St., near Front St. W. R. C. CHAMBERLAIN'S OPERA HOUSE.

CRISTIANI ARLOES.

Cap. Cook - Austrian Giant, Maj. Cook - Iowa Giant.

THE ARTIST DOG, BY OUR SELECT STOCK COMPANY.

ADMISSION TO ALL, 65c.

OPEN DAILY FROM 10 P. M. SEATS IN AUDITORIUM, 25c EXTRA.

C. Y. Blanchard arrived in the city last night.

McPherson, of Hazelton, spent yesterday in the city.

F. M. Wiley, of Fredonia, is registered at the Manhattan.

B. L. McClain, of the Chicago & Alton, is at the Manhattan.

Lila Solomon has returned to the city from a visit to Kansas City.

Dr. Maxwell of St. John is attending the State Medical association.

Mr. Golden has gone to Marion to look at the famous salt place.

C. W. Wilson has sold his lunch counter on East Douglas to C. McKnight.

W. H. French, attorney-at-law, was in the city yesterday and called on the EAGLE.

Hon. Rodolph Hatfield left yesterday morning for Fort Scott on legal business.

Arthur Harburg, of Kansas City, has returned to the metropolis to go into business.

W. H. French, of Kinsley, and M. G. Yost, of Belle Plaine, are registered at the Tremont.

Mr. Drake, an extensive cattleman, of Le Mar, Colorado, is in the city the guest of J. B. York.

James Guthrie and B. M. Beckhorn, of Shelbyville, Kentucky, are in the city prospecting.

Col. John Russell who called yesterday said he was a great gambler of just three days duration.

Hon. G. A. Housington, of Garden City, and Mr. Carr, of Lakin, spent the day in the city yesterday making up a pleasant call.

Arthur Capper, the handsome young city editor of the Daily Capital, Topeka, is in the metropolis taking in the sanitary convention.

H. D. Zollars left the city for Iowa last evening in answer to a telegraphic summons informing him that his brother was killed the night before.

The Forest City Building and Loan association, of which A. A. Glen is president, and Jos. Rich, treasurer, at their last meeting declared a dividend of \$8 per share.

A dispatch to the editor of this paper authorized by the president of the Rock Island land extension into Kansas, mentioned in an editorial elsewhere, settles the compromise.

Will Collins, the well-known salesman at the Golden Eagle clothing house, has returned to the city looking strong and hearty again. He would be glad to meet his old friends at his old place of business.

The papers and discussions before the State Sanitary convention now in daily session at the court room in this city are highly interesting and instructive, and our professional people and scholars generally should not fail to attend.

J. R. Sively, placed in his real estate office last evening an elegant new 4,000-pound drop-saw purchased from the Modern Saw and Lumber Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. The purchase was made through their agent, Mr. Gilles, of this city, who is working up an extensive business.

The boys at Niederlander's office are feasting on a box of nuts sent them by the company of H. R. Snyder, of Petersburg, Ind. Mr. S. is a prosperous, good natured bachelor, who would thrive in a booming city like Wichita, and the boys would like to return his kindness by showing him a special bargain in a corner lot.

Mr. John Bixby, an old friend of Joseph Morse, of Meriden, Conn., and now collector of the port of New Haven, Conn., returned home yesterday after investing something over \$25,000 in Wichita dirt. Wichita was a great surprise to Mr. Bixby, but it didn't require a man of his business capacity long to "catch on" to the direction of the tide, as shown by his investment.

## KNIGHTS OF THE LANCE.

State Board Failed to Procure a Quorum Yesterday.

Meeting of Sanitary Convention Last Night - An Able Paper Read by Dr. Johnson - General Discussion.

Yesterday was the day appointed for the meeting of the state board of health in this city. This body consists of nine members only four of which were present until last night, which not being a quorum the board did not hold a meeting. The members present, however, commenced a session at 3 o'clock with the expectation that the business transacted would meet the approval of the quorum when such could be gained.

The following members of the board were present: Drs. G. H. T. Johnson, of Atchison, president; J. W. Redden, of Topeka, secretary; D. W. Sargent, of Topeka; J. M. Welsh, of Wichita, and J. F. Lewis, of Howard. Last night Dr. Schenck, of Osaage City, another member of the board, arrived, which gives a quorum.

The members yesterday heard the minutes of the previous meeting read and also the quarterly report of the secretary. After hearing the report of the executive committee an appointment was made for the board to meet this morning at 8 o'clock and ratify the work done.

The sanitary convention under the auspices of the state board of health met in the court room at 8 o'clock last night, with the president, Judge James Humphrey in the chair. He thanked the board for the position assigned him, and said he considered the work of the convention that of pure philanthropy and would ever aim to attend to the duties of the office.

At the conclusion of his remarks the invocation was pronounced by the Rev. T. A. Hodgson. Hon. B. W. Aldrich delivered the address of welcome. He said: "It is with feelings of pride and gratification that I welcome you on behalf of our people, to the city of Wichita on this occasion, and that you have selected our growing and prosperous city as the place to hold this convention. It is hoped, and we believe that the result of your deliberations will be of great and lasting benefit to our people, and add materially to their future prosperity."

The best means to be used in promoting the sanitary condition of all towns and cities always has been and always will be one of those all absorbing questions to be discussed and solved by the people; the very important question of sewerage is the difficult one attracting the attention of our people at the present time, but owing to the rapid and unparalleled growth of our city during the last three years and the great increase of diversified responsibilities, thrusting upon us so many interests in the way of public improvements demanding our immediate attention, it has been utterly and absolutely impossible for our city council to take into consideration and act upon all the matters and things appertaining to our best interest and development as a people. Gentlemen, we are glad that you are with us today; investigate our wants, examine our city and its location, visit our people, be of us, and after a thorough investigation on your part, any suggestions you may think proper to present touching our best interests as a city will be kindly and gratefully received. Again we welcome you to the hospitalities of the metropolis of the great American Nile."

President Humphrey in response said that the work of the convention was of no little importance. Its object was to bring together thoughtful minds and to enlighten the masses on questions of vital importance. The work of this convention seeks to concern human welfare and happiness. In Wichita is a good place to start the movement. It may secure an impetus from your unflinching help. I think Mr. Mayor you will agree that the convention deserves the credit you awarded it. They left their duties to inspect some of the sources of diseases. Your cordial welcome will make us feel at home. I beg that you will accept this expression of our profound thankfulness.

Dr. G. H. T. Johnson, of Atchison, president of the state board of health, was introduced and read a paper on "Hereditary." It is given complete, and is as follows: Heredity may be defined as a biological law by which living beings repeat themselves in their descendants. It is nature imitating itself. It is imitated by all that the external forms of the body and mental qualities can be transmitted in various degrees of intensity. Heredity as a factor, is causing disease, idiosyncrasy and crime. Heredity has received too little consideration by medical men and legislators. The efforts of the former have been directed to the cure of disease and but little attention given to its prevention. The lawmakers have sought to punish crime, but have given but little thought or attention to the possibility of preventing the increase of the criminal classes.

There is a universal natural law that fluids in the old saying that "like begets like." These three small words are pregnant with meaning, for this law of heredity is universal.

In all the departments of the animal and vegetable kingdoms, the law of heredity is in evidence. It is striking in the lower developments of animal and intelligent nature. The reason for this is grounded in the fact that increasing diversity multiplies the influence of heredity, as a force and counter force modify or destroy one another, with the result of obscuring the relations between cause and effect. But an exposition of heredity in its broadest scope would require volumes instead of the few pages in which I shall only attempt to prove the universality of its laws and sketch briefly some of its evils and dangers to society at large. In the vegetable kingdom we find the evidence in favor of the laws of heredity numerous and conclusive.

The department of pomology the botanist refers each of our common fruits to one of five original stocks; whereas the report of the American Pomological society for 1877 catalogue is worth of preservation and propagation. One hundred and seven varieties of peaches, seventy-two of plums, thirty-seven of cherries, one hundred and fifteen of pears, and three hundred and twenty-two of apples. There are comparatively only a few of the vast number which have been produced by accident or design in this country. None in the world is practically intermediate.

The number enumerated is sufficient for my point, which is, that all these varieties were either special creations or the modifications from soil, climate and culture have been conserved and perpetuated by and through activities represented in their respective germs. If the latter proposition is granted, consistency will require the admission that the improved varieties, not only in this, but in the department of agriculture and horticulture have in a large measure been due to the laws of inheritance. But as the laws of heredity that are operative in the animal kingdom are of great interest to us as we will enter upon their consideration at once. In this department we shall find the results of heredity represented in all the phases of physical and physical development.

A single or casual visit to see the new baby and find it a perfect likeness of its father, or a relative visits the family after a separation of years and finds among the new children some who are the exact image of father or mother. Many are the bright boys and girls who are looked upon by their friends as predestined victims to consumption, because a father or mother has died of this disease. So prevalent is this law that physical injuries are frequently transmitted.

Only a short time since the daily papers published the details of the unnatural actions of a family who, many years ago, mutilated

their persons and transmitted their injuries to their offspring for the purpose of speculation on these deformities.

Dr. Eugene Dupure cut the vasomotor nerve connected with the carotid artery of a Guinea pig and a result the eye on the mutilated side became permanently smaller and the ear thicker and larger and these peculiarities were transmitted through five generations.

Brown Sequard found by experiment on the same species, that the cutting of the median nerve was followed by a destruction of the outer part of the foot, leaving but the inner toe on the injured side and this peculiarity was permanently transmitted.

Other scientists have found by experiment and observation that similar injuries are transmitted not only to the young of the animals operated upon, but for generations afterward. Most statistics are apt to be regarded with impatience, but these illustrate in a marked manner the operations of the laws of heredity in the transmission of the criminal bias and the predisposition to insanity, idiosyncrasy and disease.

Let us look at the manifestation of this heredity of alcoholism. The medical literature of the last two or three centuries is full in proof of its effects in producing insanity and disease. Austin says: "The nervous excitement produced in an ancestor by great excess in drink is repeated in his descendants with the effects of producing insanity in one, epilepsy in another, neuralgia in a third, and alcoholic excesses in a fourth." It was found in a Swedish asylum that half of the insane men had been hard drinkers.

The effects of the removal of the heavy tax on alcohol drinks in Norway from 1855 to 1859 was as follows: The increase for the whole population was in mania 41 per cent, melancholia 69 per cent, and dementia 25 per cent.

Worse even than this were the effects for the ensuing generations, for idiosyncrasy increased 150 per cent.

That this increase was due to the augmented consumption of alcohol was shown by Hall, who found that out of 115 idiots 60 per cent. were the children of drunken parents or mothers. More traces the effects of intemperance in one family and sketches it as follows: "First, these unfortunate individuals, depravity, intemperance and sottishness; second generation, hereditary drunkenness, maniacal attacks, general paralysis; third generation, hypochondria, nervousness, suicidal propensities; fourth generation, intelligence hardly developed, stupidity, leading to idiocy."

Relative to the heredity of crime, Despine in Physiologic Watanabe cites the Jean Chretien family whose history for three generations was condensed as follows: There were but three persons in the family who were not convicted of capital offenses, six of which were murder.

Dr. Despine observes the tendency of such families to unite, thus confirming the hereditary transmission of crime. He says that insanity is much more frequent among criminals than other persons, which in a measure proves that insanity and crime are closely connected. By statistics of the Ontario board of charities of New York, for 1877, we find proof strong as Holy Writ of the heredity of crime. Of the total population of Ontario county there were one hundred and thirteen inmates there together with their ancestors for three generations living and dead, and in the same families were one hundred and sixty-eight dependants, twenty-six insane, twelve idiots and one hundred and thirty inebriates. In round numbers, there are ten thousand families who have produced fifteen thousand paupers; of insane and inebriates combined about fifteen thousand, or three to every two families in each of these two classes.

Can you conceive of such a community of festering evils and not believe that heredity was a powerful factor in producing it? The records of the almshouses of the United States would doubtless make as dark a showing for disease, debauched and depraved humanity as do those of New York. I attempted to get the reports of the charitable institutions of Kansas in time to use them in this paper but failed. In one respect I think Kansas can make a better showing than New York, and that is in the smaller number of inmates in its almshouses and criminals in our charitable institutions as a result of alcoholism.

Our great state is too young to furnish many statistics of which the history of heredity can be traced.

Returning to the State of New York we will take the history of the Jukes family. Springing from a single family in 1793 there has been a progeny of twelve thousand, of which two hundred and eighty were pauperized adults, one hundred and forty criminals, sixty thieves and seven murders, besides a long list of licentiousness and petty crimes. It is estimated that the members of this wicked family have cost the state and society one million and eighty thousand dollars in the last seven years.

This is not an exceptional case. There are many families in New York and all the older states with similar records or crime and pauperism with its resulting burden of expense and suffering laid upon the shoulders of innocent people.

The celebrated Margaret, mother of criminal, furnishes a striking illustration of hereditary crime. An investigation was made through the New York Prison association, in the jails and prisons of that state, extending back six generations, which resulted in tracing "out" nearly two hundred criminals, descended from this wicked woman. Dr. Kerlin, superintendent of a state institution for feeble-minded children, at Mendota, Pa., says in a paper on the Causes of Idiocy, that in 25 per cent of cases of idiocy, we find as a result of hereditary transmission of insanity, imbecility and various degrees of feeble-mindedness.

So in the physical world, not an individual that thrives the heart or thought that finds lodgment in the brain or is registered in the ganglion of the nervous system is ever lost; passive it may be for a time, perhaps for one, two or more generations, but in the course of decades or centuries it will be heard from inspiring, it may be the great chiefest at the head of his victorious army, or directing the genius of statesmen.

An investigation of this law of heredity leads us to believe that no earnest struggle for a great and noble principle is ever a failure. The individual or organization of men engaged in the struggle may not accomplish all they hoped to achieve, but the honest efforts for truth by them has developed a better and nobler manhood, which being transmitted to their children, will result in the accomplishment of not only all that was attempted by their fathers but a great deal more. In the United States the standard of patriotism and loyal citizenship is higher for all time to come as a result of the struggle for the union in the war of the rebellion.

The great stimulus given to true patriotism and the thrilling impulse given to the moral spirit of our people as a result of this struggle will go on increasing through the generations to come and there will not be a trace of the selfishness of the past in vain for loyal patriotic feelings. The greater part of these will doubtless refer with pardonable pride to their ancestors who saved the union in the great war of the rebellion.

The great danger that threatens the future of our people is the possibility that the accumulative evils or hereditary may sap the physical and mental stamina of the masses of the people as to render them unfit for effective military service.

man heart we should doubtless learn that McPherson, Sheridan, Sherman and Grant were not the creatures of accident, but that the leadership of these leaders and many others of similar renown was the result of impulses and mental composition transmitted to them by remote or near ancestors, who at some period in their lives took an active and earnest if not prominent part in some worthy and heroic struggle in life; possibly in the wars of the Old World in centuries past or perhaps in a hardly less vigorous father and mother who developed the highest type of courage and heroism in building up and defending their homes in the midst of savage beasts and more savage men.

It might be interesting for us had we time to pursue this line of thought further; also, to attempt to discover why the genius of the military chief, the statesman or the man occupying high positions in life is not as often transmitted to his children as the genius of the musician, the poet or the man of one idea if you please. While that which is of the most practical importance to us is to find a way to prevent if possible the hydro-headed monster, heredity, from blighting if not annihilating our race. While it may be practically in this country at present to prevent the transmission of hereditary disease by legislation, as in the case of one of the most serious diseases, namely, the marriage of consanguineous illegals and almost stamped out this fatal disease, during the time the law was enforced; yet from an economic standpoint it would seem to be wise statesmanship to enact such laws as will make it impossible for the criminal, insane and pauper classes to have a numerous progeny to contaminate the pure blood of the race, and be a burdensome expense to the public of the state. Radical legislation is required in this direction. The welfare and improvement of future generations demand that the consumptive, syphilitic, idiotic, epileptic, drunkard and all persons of hereditary predisposition to insanity and suicide be deprived of the marriage right by legal if you please. 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